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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Pauley et al.  
Serial No.: 09/414,764  
For: RAPID EXPANSION TAMPON PLEDGET  
Filed: October 7, 1999  
Examiner: M. Kidwell  
Art Unit: 3761  
Confirmation No.: 3820  
Customer No.: 27623

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	11	Minus	21	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	x \$86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$290.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

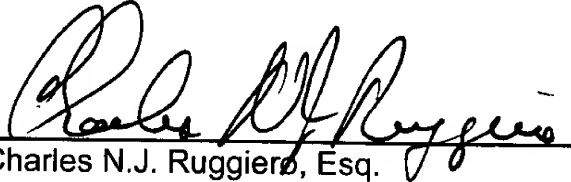
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The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes (\$0), and any extension of time (\$0) is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

March 12, 2004

Date



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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2004 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth below.

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